

Colorado Office of Behavioral Health

Criminal Justice Services

Among Colorado's justice-involved population, about **35 percent have mental health concerns, and 74 percent live with a substance use disorder.** To address these needs—and connect Coloradans to appropriate clinical settings—the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) **funds diversion, treatment and continuity of care services,** partnering with jails, parole offices, Sheriff's departments and justice organizations.

Highlighted Programs and Services



Co-responder programs dispatch teams of officers and behavioral health specialists to respond to behavioral health-related calls. OBH funds 26 programs statewide, covering 23 counties and 59 communities.

Annual Budget: \$7.3 million

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking diversion program that enrolls arrestees into treatment and case management services. LEAD is available in the San Luis Valley, Denver County, the City of Longmont and Pueblo County.

Annual Budget: \$2.3 million



Jail-Based Behavioral Health Services (JBBS) assists jails in providing in-house behavioral health treatment. More than 45 county jails offer mental health services, and 35 offer substance use disorder services. More than 30 provide medications to treat opioid use disorder.

Annual Budget: \$10.4 million

Offender Behavioral Health Services (OBHS) programs support juvenile and adult offenders with mental health needs who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Annual Budget: \$5.5 million



Medication Consistency improves access to effective medications for people who transfer in and out of criminal justice and mental health facilities, including institutes, jails and prisons. Two **Health Information Exchanges (HIE)** support the flow of health information among providers and other healthcare organizations statewide, providing safer, more timely, efficient and patient-centered care.

FY 2021-2022 Budget: \$768,000

